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SUBJECT: URGENT DEMARCHES ON UNESCO CULTURAL DIVERSITY
CONVENTION

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1. Reftel B talking points and Secretary Rice's letter were conveyed to FM Moratinos last week via a cover letter from the Charge. In addition to the Foreign Minister, we also delivered the points to contacts at the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism.

2. We will deliver the letter from Secretary Gutierrez and Reftel A talking points to Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Jose Montilla this afternoon (October 14), with an advance fax copy to his Chief of Cabinet. We will follow up with the Chief of Cabinet Monday morning to encourage Spanish support for our position.

3. Comment: Although we've been told by trade contacts that they understand our position in technical terms, the Ministry of Culture has the firm lead on this issue and there is little sympathy for our position there.
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